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FBI WASHINGTON FIELD (89-640) (P)

TO FBI DIRECTOR ROUTINE

FBI LOS ANGELES ROUTINE

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SUBJECT: THREAT AGAINST SENATOR EDWARD KENNEDY, CONGRESSIONAL
ASSASSINATION STATUTE, (OO:LOS ANGELES)

FOR INFORMATION OF THE BUREAU AND LOS ANGELES, ON
NOVEMBER 13, 1979, A LETTER WAS RECEIVED IN THE OFFICE OF SENATOR
EDWARD KENNEDY, WASHINGTON, D.C., STATING THAT KENNEDY WOULD BE
ASSASSINATED BY AN ORGANIZATION KNOWN AS "ALL", WHICH STANDS FOR
THE AMERICAN LIBERTY LEAGUE. THE LETTER ADVISED THAT THE
ORGANIZATION WAS BASED IN CALIFORNIA, HOWEVER, HAD MEMBERS IN
WASHINGTON, D.C., AND ALL ALONG THE EAST COAST. THE LETTER
CONSISTED OF ONE HAND WRITTEN PAGE. THE LETTER WAS DATED
NOVEMBER 7, 1979. THE ENVELOPE CONTAINING THE LETTER WAS POST-
MARKED NOVEMBER 9, 1979, SANTA ANNA, CALIFORNIA, AND CARRIED
THE RETURN ADDRESS OF 4568 CEDAR AVENUE, LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA.

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WASHINGTON FIELD INDICES NEGATIVE RE "ALL" OR THE AMERICAN
LIBERTY LEAGUE. THE ABOVE DESCRIBED LETTER WAS FURNISHED TO
WASHINGTON FIELD BY SA [REDACTED] OF THE WASHINGTON FIELD
OFFICE OF THE U.S. SECRET SERVICE.

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LOS ANGELES. WILL CONTACT LOS ANGELES OFFICE OF U.S.
SECRET SERVICE FOR POSSIBLE SUSPECTS AND PRESENT TO UNITED
STATES ATTORNEY.

WASHINGTON FIELD. WILL FORWARD COPY OF LETTER TO LOS
ANGELES AND BUREAU BY AIRTEL. WASHINGTON FIELD WILL DISSEMINATE
COPY OF LETTER TO U.S. CAPITOL POLICE.

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TRANSMIT VIA:

☐ Teletype
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PRECEDENCE:

☐ Immediate
☐ Priority
☐ Routine

CLASSIFICATION:

☐ TOP SECRET
☐ SECRET
☐ CONFIDENTIAL
☐ UNCLAS E F T O
☐ UNCLAS

Date 11/21/79

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, WFO (89-640) (P) (CA-2)

UNSUB; *see*
 AMERICAN LIBERTY LEAGUE; *ALL*
 U.S. SENATOR EDWARD M. KENNEDY - VICTIM
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 (OO:LA)

Kennedy, Edward

Enclosed for the Bureau and Los Angeles are copies of a letter received at victim's Washington, D.C. (WDC), office.

Postmarked Santa Ana Cal. Nov. 9, 1979
 For information of Los Angeles, FBIHQ has previously requested that for economic reasons, letters of this nature not be submitted to the Laboratory or Identification Divisions for examinations until such time as prosecution is favorably considered. Washington Field will retain original letter pending a prosecutive determination by the United States Attorney's Office, Los Angeles.

U.S. Capitol Police (USCP), WDC, advised.

LEADSLOS ANGELES DIVISION

AT SANTA ANA, CALIFORNIA. Discuss with USSS for possible suspects and present to USA. Should prosecution be authorized, Washington Field will forward original letter to the Laboratory.

Los Angeles requested to advise the Bureau and Washington Field when this case is resolved so that USCP might be notified.

②-Bureau (Enc. 2)
 2-Los Angeles (Enc. 2)
 1-WFO

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Approved: *CPM/11*Transmitted *CTB/11/24/79*

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Per *SB*

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ENCLOSURES (2) TO THE BUREAU
Letter and Envelope Received
at Victim's WDC Office

UNSUB;
AMERICAN LIBERTY LEAGUE;
U.S. SENATOR EDWARD M. KENNEDY-VICTIM
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WFOfile 89-640
By A/T dated 11/21/79

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A.M. 11-13-79 11-7-79

To Teddy Bear Kennedy:
I have written to you before, and as a representative of
secret organization here in California called the, "American Liberty
League", "A.L.L." "All for one and one for all", we are now ready for
action against you.

Now that you have announced, you are going to run
for the presidency our organization has set its wheels in
motion for your assassination. We are financed by a
wealthy person here in California. We now have men based
in Washington D.C. and along the East Coast who are veterans
from the Army, sharpshooters, who are pledged to a mission
in keeping you under surveillance, and to assassinate you
when the opportunity arises. You will also be sur-
prised to know we have people who have obtained
government positions in Washington D.C. who are faithful members
of "A.L.L." and are pledged to do whatever they can to set
you up for assassination. Yes, Teddy Boy, we are
now, well organized and set up on the East Coast.

We also have information from reliable sources
that there are other organizations throughout the U.S.
who are ready to go into action when you travel
throughout the country making speeches etc.

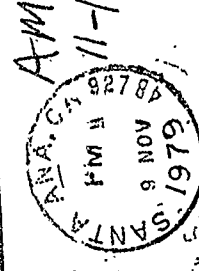
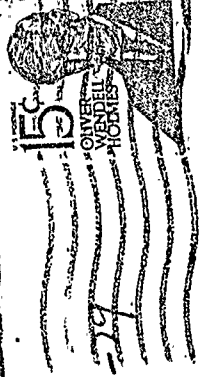
There is no way for you to escape assassination.
Because no matter how well plans are made for your
safety, how well guarded you are by the Secret Service etc.
somewhere, somehow, sometime, there will be a slip up
and the opportunity will arise for one of our sharpshooters
to put a bullet through your murdering head.

"Two down and one more Kennedy to go."
"Death to Teddy Bear Kennedy"
Dedicated to the "A.L.L."

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4568 Cedar Ave.
Los Angeles, Ca.

Senator Edward Kennedy
U.S. Senate Office Bldg.
Washington D.C. 20510

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FM LOS ANGELES (89-487) (3) (P)

TO DIRECTOR ROUTINE

WASHINGTON FIELD (89-640) ROUTINE

SAN DIEGO ROUTINE

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UNSUB; THREAT AGAINST SENATOR EDWARD KENNEDY, CONGRESSIONAL
ASSASSINATION STATUTE, EXTORTION, OO: LOS ANGELES.

RE WASHINGTON FIELD TELETYPE TO THE DIRECTOR DATED
NOVEMBER 15, 1979.

FOR INFORMATION OF THE SAN DIEGO DIVISION ON NOVEMBER
13, 1979, A LETTER WAS RECEIVED IN THE OFFICE OF SENATOR
EDWARD M. KENNEDY, WASHINGTON, D.C., STATING THAT KENNEDY
WOULD BE ASSASSINATED BY AN ORGANIZATION KNOWN AS THE
AMERICAN LIBERTY LEAGUE (ALL). THIS LETTER STATED THIS
ORGANIZATION WAS BASED IN CALIFORNIA, HOWEVER, HAD MEMBERS
IN WASHINGTON, D.C. AND ALL ALONG THE EAST COAST. THE
LETTER DATED NOVEMBER 7 1979, CONSISTED OF A ONE HAND WRITTEN

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PAGE AND WAS POST MARKED NOVEMBER 9, 1979, AT SANTA ANA, CALIFORNIA. A RETURN ADDRESS WAS SHOWN AS 4568 CEDAR AVENUE, LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA.

INVESTIGATION BY THE LOS ANGELES DIVISION DETERMINED THERE IS NO SUCH ADDRESS IN LOS ANGELES OR SURROUNDING AREAS.

AN INDICES CHECK REGARDING (ALL) REVEAL LOS ANGELES FILE 9-5928 (BUFILE 9-54978, SAN DIEGO 9-1063) ENTITLED CLARENCE FUNK STAUFFER; MAYOR TOM BRADLEY - VICTIM; [REDACTED] - VICTIM; SENATOR EDWARD M. KENNEDY - VICTIM; [REDACTED] - VICTIM.

THIS INVESTIGATION PREDICATED UPON THREATENING LETTERS RECEIVED BY ABOVE VICTIMS IN WHICH ALL CONTAINED THREATS ON BEHALF OF THE AMERICAN LIBERTY LEAGUE. THE FBI LABORATORY IDENTIFIED CLARENCE FUNK STAUFFER AS THE WRITER OF THE KENNEDY,

[REDACTED] AND [REDACTED] LETTERS. A COMPLAINT CHARGING STAUFFER WITH THE VIOLATION OF TITLE 18, USC, SECTION 876, WAS FILED ON MARCH 3, 1977, AT LOS ANGELES AS A RESULT OF THE KENNEDY LETTER. STAUFFER WAS ARRESTED ON THAT SAME DATE, HOWEVER, PROSECUTION WAS SUBSEQUENTLY DECLINED BY AUSA [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] LOS ANGELES, BASED ON INSUFFICIENT EVIDENCE TO WARRANT

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PROSECUTION.

STAUFFER UPON INTERVIEW DENIED HE HAD EVER HEARD OF THE AMERICAN LIBERTY LEAGUE OR WRITING ANY LETTERS TO THE ABOVE VICTIMS.

A REVIEW OF THE LOS ANGELES FILE REFLECTS THAT THE AMERICAN LIBERTY LEAGUE WAS FIRST KNOWN IN THE LOS ANGELES AREA BETWEEN 1936 AND 1939. THE LEAGUES OBJECTIVE WAS TO "PROTECT THE CONSTITUTION" AND CLAIMED TO HAVE 2,000 MEMBERS.

LOS ANGELES AS YET IS NOT IN RECEIPT OF LETTER IN CAPTIONED CASE, HOWEVER, SUSPECTS THAT STAUFFER COULD BE THE WRITER DUE TO SIMILARITIES IN THIS MATTER AND HIS PAST ACTIVITIES AS WELL AS THE LETTERS REFERENCE TO THE AMERICAN LIBERTY LEAGUE ORGANIZATION. LOS ANGELES IS ALSO UNAWARE OF ANY OTHER INDIVIDUAL ASSOCIATED WITH THIS ORGANIZATION OTHER THAN STAUFFER.

~~CLARENCE~~ STAUFFER IS DESCRIBED AS A WHITE MALE, DATE OF BIRTH MAY 24, 1904, 5'7", 145 POUNDS, BROWN HAIR, BLUE EYES, SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER 560-26-7308, CALIFORNIA DRIVERS LICENSE NUMBER H0559793. ADDRESS AS OF APRIL 27, 1978 IS 3535 LINDA VISTA, SPACE FOUR, VISTA, CALIFORNIA. WIFE'S NAME

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STAUFFER HOLDS A DOCTORATE IN EDUCATION AND IS A RETIRED EDUCATOR FROM WEST COVINA, CALIFORNIA.

U.S. SECRET SERVICE, LOS ANGELES, HAS BEEN ADVISED OF THE ABOVE INFORMATION AND WILL FORWARD SAME TO U.S. SECRET SERVICE, SAN DIEGO.

A SPECIAL NOTE IS THAT SENATOR KENNEDY WILL TENTATIVELY BE IN LOS ANGELES ON NOVEMBER 30, 1979, THROUGH DECEMBER 2, 1979.

WASHINGTON FIELD IS REQUESTED TO FACSIMILE A COPY OF THE LETTER TO THE SAN DIEGO DIVISION.

SAN DIEGO AT VISTA, CALIFORNIA, UPON RECEIPT OF THE FACSIMILE COPY WILL INTERVIEW STAUFFER AND DETERMINE IF HE OR ANY OTHER PERSON KNOWN TO HIM WROTE LETTER IN CAPTIONED MATTER.

LOS ANGELES AT LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA, WILL MAINTAIN CONTACT WITH U.S. SECRET SERVICE AND IN ADDITION WILL PRESENT MATTER TO U.S. ATTORNEY, LOS ANGELES, REGARDING A VIOLATION OF THE EXTORTION STATUTE.

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MESSAGE RELAY VIA TELETYPE

DATE 11/26/79	CLASSIFICATION UNCLAS	PRECEDENCE ROUTINE
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FM DIRECTOR FBI

TO

FEDERAL GOVERNMENT

- me*
- ☐ The President
 - ☐ The Vice President
 - ☐ White House Situation Room
 - ☐ Attn: National Security Council
 - ☐ Department of the Air Force (AFOSI)
 - ☐ Department of the Army
 - ☐ Naval Investigative Service
 - ☐ Commandant, U. S. Coast Guard
 - ☐ National Security Agency (DIRNSA/NSOC (ATTN: SOO))
 - ☐ Director, Defense Intelligence Agency
 - ☐ Director CIA
 - ☒ U. S. Secret Service (PID)
 - ☐ Attn: Executive Protective Service
 - ☐ ZEN/U. S. Postal Service
 - ☐ Attn: Chief Postal Inspector

- ☐ Nuclear Regulatory Commission
- ☐ Department of Energy
- ☐ Department of Treasury
 - ☐ Attn: U.S. Customs
- ☐ Department of Treasury
 - ☐ Attn: Bureau of Alcohol Tobacco & Firearms
- ☐ Department of Transportation
 - ☐ Attn: Director of Security
- ☐ Drug Enforcement Administration
- ☐ General Services Administration (WASHDC area, specify office)
- ☐ (Other Areas, specify CITY/STATE)
- ☐ Federal Aviation Administration
- ☐ Federal Protective Service
- ☐ Secretary of State
 - ☐ Attn: Director Bureau of Intelligence & Research
 - ☐ Attn: SCA - VISA Office Room 709 - SA2

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- ☒ Attorney General
 - ☐ Deputy AG
 - ☐ Attn: Emergency Programs Center
 - ☐ Assistant AG, Civil Rights Div.
 - ☐ Assistant AG, Criminal Div.
 - ☐ Attn: Internal Security Section
 - ☐ Attn: General Crimes Section
 - ☐ Assistant AG for Administration
 - ☐ Attn: Security & Administrative Services Staff
 - ☐ Immigration & Naturalization Service

(SERVICE ALSO AVAILABLE TO GOVERNMENT AGENCIES NOT LISTED. ☐
 CONTACT COMMUNICATIONS CENTER FOR ADDRESSING INFORMATION) ☐
 SUBJECT:

SEE ATTACHED.

APPROVED BY <i>16/17</i>	ORIGINATOR BJB:sjv	ROOM 5096/6	TELE EXT. 4294
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USE OF FORM 0-73

1. Only incoming teletype messages which require transmission relay may be prepared for transmission using form 0-73. Use of form 0-73 is restricted to incoming teletype messages received within the last 3 days which require transmission relay; all other teletype messages must be prepared using form 0-93.
2. Additions such as notes and administrative data for a specific addressee are not allowed. If a note or administrative data is required for a particular addressee a separate 0-73 form must be prepared.
3. The message will be transmitted just as it appears. The person approving the message is solely responsible for assuring all necessary editing changes have been made.

PREPARATION OF FORM WHICH CONSISTS OF A PREPRINTED YELLOW.

1. Complete appropriate boxes: date, classification & precedence.
2. List addressees immediately following the "TO" or place a check mark in the appropriate boxes.
3. Type or PRINT the subject in the space provided.
4. Print or type originator's name, room number and telephone extension.
5. Indicate approval for transmission by initialing the "Approved By" box.

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PREPARATION OF MESSAGE TO BE TRANSMITTED

1. Xerox 1 copy of incoming teletype message. A notation shall be made on the original incoming teletype "1 copy made for relay to SACS _____, (OR LEGATS) _____, (OR GOVERNMENT AGENCIES) _____."
2. Minor editing changes shall be made on the xerox as follows: using a lead pencil ONLY draw single line through the first and last lines of the heading and connect these lines from top right to bottom left forming a "Z," figure. (DO NOT OBLITERATE THE HEADING.) Use horizontal lines to delete sentences or words. Printed changes of a word or two to the text of the message may be made; however, changes to the existing text involving more than a word or two necessitate the originator to initiate a new message using form 0-93.
3. Administrative data or notes may be typed immediately following the text and will be transmitted to all addressees.
4. When using the 0-73 form to disseminate information to field offices, Legal Attaches and other Government agencies simultaneously, the text, notes and administrative data must be identical for all addressees.

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TRANSMIT VIA:

☐ Teletype
☐ Facsimile
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PRECEDENCE:

☐ Immediate
☐ Priority
☐ Routine

CLASSIFICATION:

☐ TOP SECRET
☐ SECRET
☐ CONFIDENTIAL
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Date 1/18/80

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI
 FROM: SAC, LOS ANGELES (89-487) (C) (3)
 SUBJECT: CHANGED
 CLARENCE FUNK STAUFFER;
 AMERICAN LIBERTY LEAGUE;
 U. S. SENATOR EDWARD M. KENNEDY - D.C.
VICTIM
 EXTORTION (A) CAS
 OO: Los Angeles

Title marked changed to include CLARENCE FUNK STAUFFER as the possible subject in this matter.

Re Washington Field teletype to the Bureau dated 11/15/79, Washington Field airtel to the Bureau dated 11/21/79, Los Angeles teletype to the Bureau dated 11/23/79, and San Diego airtel to Los Angeles dated 12/11/79.

For information of the Bureau and Washington Field investigation conducted at Los Angeles regarding CLARENCE FUNK STAUFFER determined the letter in question received by Senator KENNEDY's office on 11/13/79, is identical in nature, content and in reference to the American Liberty League as previously set forth in referenced Los Angeles teletype.

STAUFFER was interviewed by the San Diego Division on 12/6/79, at Vista, California. He stated he had no information regarding this letter. It should be noted STAUFFER has been interviewed at least three times in the past regarding threatening letters and the FBI Laboratory

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 1 - San Diego (89-346) (Info)
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has positively identified STAUFFER as the writer of the previous extortion letter to Senator KENNEDY on 6/15/76. STAUFFER is an elderly individual who has never exhibited any signs of violence or outward hostility which would tend to make one feel he is dangerous.

United States Secret Service, Los Angeles and San Diego, have been advised of circumstances surrounding this letter and are well aware of STAUFFER's activities in the past.

Based on the belief that STAUFFER is the perpetrator of the letter in captioned matter, this matter was presented to Assistant United States Attorney (AUSA) [redacted] [redacted] Los Angeles, on 1/9/80. After hearing the facts in this matter, AUSA [redacted] stated he would decline prosecution on the basis of insufficient evidence at this time. [redacted] stated it appears STAUFFER is an elderly man without violent tendencies to warrant any further action in this matter.

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Based on the above opinion, Los Angeles is considering this matter closed.

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WASHINGTON FIELD

AT WASHINGTON, D.C.: Requested to contact U. S. Capitol Police regarding results of this matter.